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Sir:

A Status Inquiry was filed on May 2, 2005, in the above-identified application. To date, Applicant has not received a response from the Patent Office indicating the status of the application. In this regard, more than twenty-four months have elapsed since the filing date and no Office Action has been received by Applicant. Accordingly, Applicant again respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

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